

1999 Federal Court Management Statistics

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT -- JUDICIAL CASELOAD PROFILE

NO. CAROLINA WESTERN			12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30						NUMERICAL STANDING WITHIN U.S. CIRCUIT	
			1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994		
OVERALL CASELOAD STATISTICS	Filings*		1,386	1,379	1,557	1,321	1,287	1,185	52 29	5 5
	Terminations		1,372	1,389	1,371	1,429	1,188	1,328		
	Pending		1,408	1,413	1,424	1,209	1,332	1,237		
	Percent Change In Total Filings Current Year		Over Last Year.5	Over Earlier Years. . . -11.0	4.9	7.7	17.0			
Number of Judgeships			3	3	3	3	3	3		
Vacant Judgeship Months**			.0	.0	.0	.0	5.6	5.0		
ACTIONS PER JUDGESHIP	FILINGS	Total	462	460	519	440	429	395	34	4
		Civil	348	356	411	351	305	297	55	6
		Criminal Felony	114	104	108	89	124	98	9	1
	Pending Cases		469	471	475	403	444	412	18	1
	Weighted Filings**		667	703	760	617	693	650	7	1
	95% Confidence	Upper	713	754	809	656	738	690		
		Lower	620	651	711	578	649	610		
	Terminations		457	463	457	476	396	443	38	5
	Trials Completed		57	65	58	69	61	58	1	1
	MEDIAN TIMES (MONTHS)	From Filing to Disposition	Criminal Felony	14.0	12.2	11.3	12.1	11.3	10.6	94
Civil**			9	8	9	11	11	10	28	5
From Filing to Trial** (Civil Only)		19	20	27	18	29	26	35	8	
OTHER	Number (and %) of Civil Cases Over 3 Years Old**		29 2.9	38 3.6	27 2.5	31 3.4	54 5.6	50 5.4	53	8
	Average Number of Felony Defendants Filed per Case		2.1	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4		
	Jurors	Avg. Present for Jury Selection	28.65	30.15	26.98	26.07	27.56	25.14		
		Percent Not Selected or Challenged	24.5	35.7	26.0	22.1	28.3	30.5		

**FOR NATIONAL PROFILE AND NATURE OF SUIT AND OFFENSE CLASSIFICATIONS
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1999 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL FELONY FILINGS BY NATURE OF SUIT AND OFFENSE													
Type of	TOTAL	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Civil	1043	107	17	233	23	10	52	145	123	42	178	3	110
Criminal*	335	2	8	57	9	11	132	**	23	45	11	22	15

* Filings in the "Overall Caseload Statistics" section include criminal transfers, while filings "By Nature of Offense" do not.
 ** See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

				EXPLANATION OF PROFILES FOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS	
OVERALL CASELOAD STATISTICS*	Filings		TOTAL NUMBER OF DISTRICT COURT CASES THAT WERE . . . (Excludes all misdemeanor criminal cases)	Filed during the year, including transfers	
	Terminations			Closed during the year	
	Pending			Pending at the end of the year	
	Percent Change in Total Filings - Current Year		Over Last Year	Percentage change in total filings for current year over previous year	
			Over Earlier Years		Percentage change in total filings for current year over prior two, three, four, and five years.
	Number of Judgeships		Authorized judgeships (does not include senior judges)		
Vacant Judgeship Months		Number of months during year that an authorized judgeship was not filled			
ACTIONS PER JUDGESHIP	FILINGS	Total	FIGURES IN THIS SECTION ARE OBTAINED BY DIVIDING THE OVERALL CASELOAD STATISTICS FOR THE COURT BY THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED JUDGESHIPS (Excludes all misdemeanor criminal cases)	Total civil and criminal felony cases filed	
		Civil		Includes all civil cases filed	
		Criminal Felony		Includes all criminal felony cases filed, whether by indictment, information, or transfer	
	Pending Cases			Total civil and felony cases pending at the end of the year	
	Weighted Filings*			This figure is a mathematical adjustment of filings that gives heavier count to cases known to be of a more difficult and time-consuming nature	
	Terminations			Includes all terminated cases (civil and criminal felony, tried and not tried) disposed of during the year	
	Trials Completed			Trials completed by judges, including evidentiary trials, hearings on temporary restraining orders, and preliminary injunctions	
MEDIAN TIMES (MONTHS)	From Filing to Disposition	Criminal Felony	For all criminal felony defendants and all civil cases (except those involving land condemnation, prisoner petitions, recovery of overpayments, enforcement of judgments, and deportation reviews) terminated during the year whether by trial or other disposition. For all criminal felony defendants, time is computed from the filing date to either the sentencing date or the dismissal/acquittal date, including excludable delays reported under the Speedy Trial Act. When the district had fewer than 10 terminations, the median was not computed.		
		Civil*			
	From Filing to Trial** (Civil Only)		For civil cases going to trial, this figure shows the time interval in months for the middle (median) case. Excludes trials conducted by magistrates. Time is computed from the date the case is filed to the date trial begins.		
OTHER	Number (and %) of Civil Cases Over 3 Years Old		Total number of civil cases pending three years or more as of the end of the year and the percentage these same cases represent of the pending civil caseload		
	Average Number of Felony Defendants Filed per Case		The average number of defendants in each felony case filed (excludes transfers)		
	Jurors	Average Present for Jury Selection	Average number of petit jurors reporting to court for jury selection		
		Percent Not Selected or Challenged	Percent of petit jurors neither selected nor challenged on jury selection days		

NATURE OF SUIT AND OFFENSE CATEGORIES

CIVIL	A - Social Security B - Recovery of Overpayments & Enforcement of Judgments C - Prisoner Petitions D - Forfeitures and Penalties and Tax Suits	E - Real Property F - Labor Suits G - Contracts H - Torts	I - Copyright, Patent, and Trademark J - Civil Rights K - Antitrust	L - All Other Civil Cases
CRIMINAL FELONY (Excludes transfers)	A - Immigration B - Embezzlement C - Weapons and Firearms D - Escape	E - Burglary and Larceny F - Drugs G - (Not in Use)* H - Forgery and Counterfeiting	I - Fraud J - Homicide and Assault K - Robbery	L - All Other Criminal Felony Cases

WHAT THE DISTRICT'S NUMERICAL STANDINGS MEAN

This shows where an individual district court stands in relation to other district courts in the circuit and in the nation. All "caseload" statistics are ranked in descending order (highest value/highest caseload receives rank of 1 - e.g., civil filings per judgeship) and all other statistics are ranked in ascending order (lowest value/fastest termination rate or smallest backlog is ranked first - e.g., median time). In some categories fewer than 94 courts are ranked because information was not available for all districts.

NUMBERS IN RIGHT MARGIN

*See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

**Prior to 1994, time was computed from the date the answer or response was filed to the date trial began. Therefore, data for 1994 and thereafter are not comparable to data for earlier years.